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Forest Advisory Committee.

* 1415 *Q.*—Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi Sahib): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the existing Forest Advisory Committee was constituted by the Government;

(*b*) how many times its meetings were announced;

(*c*) whether any meeting was held according to the announcement;

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(*e*) whether the Forest Advisory Committee was called upon to do any work after its constitution?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Apparently the question refers to the Forest Utilization Advisory Board constituted by Government during 1949. The existing Board was reconstituted in October 1954.

" (*b*) *to* (*d*) After its reconstitution in October 1954, no meeting of the Board has been held so far and it is proposed to hold a meeting shortly.

" (*e*) As this Board is only an Advisory Body, no work has been entrusted to it."

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know the rules relating to the constitution of the Board as also the names of the members of the Board? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, if you will permit me to read the list of members (six non-officials and twelve officials), I shall read it; or if the hon. Member would put a separate question, I shall place it on the table of the House."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the venue of the Advisory Board's meeting would be near forests so that the members could actually see what they are transacting about it? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall bear this valuable suggestion in mind when we fix the venue for the next meeting."

Diagnosis of disease in the College of Indigenous Medicine.

* 1416 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that diagnosis of the disease of patients admitted in the hospital attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras, is done by allopathic doctors and the patients are treated with indigenous medicine; and